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# Salutatory.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY,  
Booksellers and Stationers,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

1 We, the first graduating class of  
2 the Orlando High School, tender a  
3 hearty welcome to every person in  
4 this building.

5 We welcome the generous citizens  
6 of Orlando. You have nobly supported  
7 the Orlando Public Schools, and have  
8 taken so great an interest in the  
9 welfare of the youthful minds  
10 of the city. You seem to realize  
11 that in the near future the children of  
12 today will guide the world, and  
13 need an education in order that  
14 they may do so successfully. It is  
15 rare that a great man is unedu-  
16 cated. Look at some of the great  
17 generals: Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar,  
18 Napoleon and Washington, at the very  
19 mention of whose names kingdoms  
20 trembled. These all had acquired,  
21 as well as natural ability. The  
22 same can be said of every walk of life.  
23 "Knowledge is power," says Bacon.

24 We welcome our parents and relatives.  
25 You have had foresight to send us to  
26 school and have us study. We are thank-  
27 ful that we live in an age when  
28 parents send their children to the pub-  
29 lic schools as much as possible be-  
30 fore they send them elsewhere to some  
31 educational institution, by which they  
32 are removed from the gentle influence  
33 of home, that dearest spot on earth.



In former times parents did not think of educating any of their children, excepting those intended for the church. A very few decades ago it was a rare exception when a man would be able to write his own name. All the books were written in Latin, and were shut up in monasteries, and only the priests and a few favored persons were allowed to read and study them. It would have been impossible for the greater class of people to obtain the books, for books were scarce in those days, and very costly. Now we have all the books we want for a nominal sum, and, what is better, we can read and understand them.

We welcome the City Officials. You have taken such an interest in our wants. You have planted beautiful shade trees in and around our school yards, and, what is best of all, have given us extra months of school, that we may learn more of the treasures that knowledge has stored up for us.

We welcome the kind directors and the county superintendent. You have seen that everything necessary to our comfort in the school room is supplied, and you have seen that we are taught by the best teachers and textbooks obtainable.



1 We welcome our good teachers. You  
2 have been so patient with us and  
3 have taught us what we know. In  
4 after years, we will look back on  
5 our youth and when we think of  
6 our days in the public schools, we  
7 will realize how much you have done  
8 for us. You have been very enduring  
9 with our many faults and have  
10 given us a great deal of good ad-  
11 vice, and have tried to train us  
12 in order that we will grow into  
13 straight and strong oaks, and not  
14 fall before any obstacle.

15 Last, but not least, we welcome  
16 our schoolmates. You will form the  
17 substance of the graduating classes of the  
18 Orlando Public School for many years  
19 to follow, and, under the kind super-  
20 vision of your teachers, will not fail  
21 to reflect credit on the Orlando  
22 High School.



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